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1: **Moderators Snapshot** The Moderator is away this week and will post a new snapshot next week.

Last Week's Moderator's snapshot: At Mission Council I was so carried away by the business I forgot to “click” on my phone and take the snapshot for last week. I was extremely grateful to Gill Nichol and the communications department for responding to my request for the picture I might have taken! However – and my apologies to Gill – it should have carried a © that the image was taken by those present from the communications team.

2: **Daily Devotions** A new series of Daily Devotions will be sent out by email from the First Sunday of Advent. These are being compiled by Andy Braunston and have been written by writers from across the URC. Each day a reading, short reflection and prayer will be sent to those people who sign up for them. The series will continue for everyday of the year. You can sign up for them by going to this address: <http://tinyurl.com/URCDailyDevotions>

3: **Book now for Hot Pot – Saturday 12th November 2016** Do you work with Children or young people in a Christian context? Perhaps you are on the fortnightly Sunday School rota, or you help with the weekly Youth Club.

Hot Pot is for anyone, volunteer or paid, full time or part-time, who works with children or young people in a Christian setting.

During the day there will be a range of workshops on topics as diverse as ‘Top Ten Games’ to ‘Bereavement & Loss’. Plus, we will have a book shop, space to chat, and lunch, there really is something for everyone. We are also pleased to announce that Simon Sullivan from The Message Trust is our KeyNote Speaker.

Book via the EvenBrite page - [click here](#)

Plus, there is a discount for groups – buy 4 tickets and bring a 5th person for free.

The North Wester Training Hub by the Jerusalem Trust and is a partnership between [Nazarene Theological College](#), [Frontier Youth Trust](#) and [PAIS Movement](#)



Group discussions in the cafe at Hot Pot, Fulwood

4: News from Albion URC

**Albion United Reformed Church
Stamford St. East Ashton-u- Lyne
Come and Sing Messiah
November 12 2016**

Conductor: Nigel P Wilkinson

(Musical Director of Oldham Choral Society)

Soloists:

Nikki Howard-Soprano
Ailsa Mainwaring -Alto
Adam Temple-Smith-Tenor
Steven Griffin-Bass

Organist: Sam Ali

**Singers rehearse 1pm-5pm-£6
(including light afternoon tea)**

booking form attached
Performance 7-30pm-Tickets £10
For tickets 0161 339 3064 or 0161 339 2459

Programme for the day for singers

1.00pm doors open for issue of books (if required) welcome etc

1.30 Session 1

2.40 Break and refreshments

3.00 - 3.50 Session 2

3.50 - 4.00 Short break for announcements / seating arrangements / how / where to assemble
 /entrances etc.

4.00 - 4.50 Final Session

4.50 Tea

4.50 - 6.00 Soloists rehearse

7.30 Performance

9.30 FINISH

Albion United Reformed Church
Come and Sing Messiah
Singers' Booking Form

Name	Voice	
Address (if ordering performance tickets)	Phone number	
		Payments:
Booking fee included	Yes please tick	£6-00
Number of tickets for evening performance @£10		
Total amount enclosed		

Please return this form with payment to:

Barbara Plenderleith

18, Beverley Close,

Ashton-u-Lyne

OL6 8TX

Cheques to be made payable to:

Albion United Reformed Church

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5: Pilots Video At the recent Synod meeting, Pilots led the opening worship. Unfortunately, the sound system couldn't be hooked up for the video that was shown. **It has now been uploaded to the website as a new page under "Resources"**.

Pilots works in many different situations – with children and young people who are part of the church family, and with those who aren't. It is an opportunity for local churches to engage in mission in a meaningful way with children and young people. It is a non-uniformed organisation so costs are cheap and the synod provides excellent support through the Regional Pilots Officer, Anne Hatch.

If your church is interested in learning more about how Pilots could help you with your outreach and mission to children and young people get in touch with Anne at annehatch48@virginmedia.com. She would love to come to speak to your church and run a sample Pilots session for your children and young people. There is more information online at www.pilots.org.uk

6: Heald Green URC The below items are now surplus to requirements at Heald Green URC, if any church would like them, please contact 0161 282 8063 to arrange to collect them.



Table Football game



Two Water Urns

7: News from St Andrew & St George On Saturday 29th October at the United Reformed Church of St Andrew and St George Bolton,



the Bethany choir composed of children and teachers from an orphanage on the shores of Lake Victoria provided the entertainment. The children sang songs, some in English and some in Swahili and these were interspersed with stories about the work of the orphanage from the founder and one of the teachers who came to England to get a degree and other qualifications to improve the lives of child orphans and in particularly girls. The children themselves also shared some of their own stories. If you would like to know more about the work of the Bethany Project,

please visit www.bethanyfamily.net/

